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Sixty-Third Commencement

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Sixty-Third Commencement

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance"Elgar
Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

National Anthem.....Presentation of Colors
ShowMe GOLD Color Guard

Welcome and Introductions..... Dr. Alan Marble
President, Missouri Southern State University

Commencement Speaker..... Kevin Williams
CFO and Treasurer of Monett, Missouri-based Jack Henry & Associates

Presentation of ClassDr. Pat Lipira
Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University

Conferring of Graduate DegreesDr. Alan Marble

Master's Hooding.....Representatives from University of Missouri-Kansas City
Northwest Missouri State University
Southeast Missouri State University

Dr. Tia Strait
Dean, School of Health Sciences, Missouri Southern State University

Dr. Al Cade
Dean, School of Education, Missouri Southern State University

Dr. Richard Miller
Dean, School of Arts & Sciences, Missouri Southern State University

Presentation of Baccalaureate and Associate Degrees

Conferring of Bachelor and Associate DegreesDr. Alan Marble

Presentation of Diplomas

Introduction of Degree Candidates Mr. Jeff Skibbe
General Manager, 88.7KXMS/Fine Arts Radio International, Missouri Southern State University

Congratulatory Remarks Dr. Michael Garoutte
President, Faculty Senate, Missouri Southern State University

Announcement of Academic HonorsDr. Pat Lipira

Turning of the Tassel.....Mr. Mark Lloyd, '99
Dean of Engagement and Retention
President, Missouri Southern Alumni Association Board of Directors

MSSU Alma Mater (See page 16) Amelia Markley
K-12 Vocal and Instrumental Music Education, Joplin

Recessional "Sine Nomine" R.V. Williams & E. Rosenberg
Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

About Our Speaker

Kevin Williams is Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Monett, Missouri-based Jack Henry & Associates (NASDAQ: JKHY), a leading provider of computer systems and electronic payment solutions primarily for financial services organizations. With more than 40 locations across the United States, JHA serves over 11,300 clients and employs approximately 5,600 associates.



Kevin Williams

Williams began his career in 1987 at the Joplin, MO office of BKD, LLP, where he passed the CPA exam and rose to the level of Senior Manager. Jack Henry & Associates was one of his clients at BKD, and in July of 1998 he decided to join JHA as Corporate Controller.

He was named Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer in January 2001, and in his role is directly responsible for accounting, finance, treasury, Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filings, tax filings, investor relations, and the Travel and Corporate Services departments.

Williams was born and raised in Nevada, MO and later attended Missouri Southern State University where he graduated in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration – emphasis in Accounting. For years he has served on the MSSU School of Business Advisory Board, helping guide its strong reputation as a top business school. He received the MSSU “Outstanding Alumni Award” in 2007. Additionally, Williams has served on the board of several not-for-profit organizations, from small local organizations to one international organization.

Williams lives in Monett with his wife, Toni, and their daughter, Tallie. He enjoys spending time with his family, traveling, golf, snow skiing, bicycling, watching sports, and officiating at swim meets throughout the year.

Cooperative Graduate Programs

Missouri Southern State University/Northwest Missouri State University

Master of Science in Education

Ball, Holly Lynn

Instructional Technology
Joplin

Curtis, Amanda Erin

Instructional Technology
Webb City

Davidson, Jessica Carol

Instructional Technology
Joplin

Missouri Southern State University/Southeast Missouri State University

Master of Science in Criminal Justice

Love, Matejia Sianna

Criminal Justice
St. Louis

Powell, Monte Selvan

Criminal Justice
Temecula, CA

Ruckman, Joshua David

Criminal Justice
Omaha, NE

Missouri Southern State University/University of Missouri-Kansas City

Master of Science in Nursing

Baker, Sarah R.

Nursing
Webb City

Copeland, Kelly E.

Nursing
Nixa

Stanley, Peggy L.

Nursing
Siloam Springs, AR

Benford, Ashley Michelle

Nursing
Joplin

Monnig, Cira Clement

Nursing
Ozark

Stites, Rae L.

Nursing
Anderson

Byrd, Natasha Nicole

Nursing
Webb City

Norman, Somer A.

Nursing
Republic

Chambers, Christine A.

Nursing
Joplin

Schatz, Nathan Philip

Nursing
Springfield

Conner, Christine Elizabeth

Nursing
Webb City

Snowden, Seth Ryan

Nursing
Republic

Candidates for Honors & Degrees

Baccalaureate Degrees

Summa Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Benton, Jacob ‡
Davidson, BriAnna
Harper, James
Larson, Ashley ‡ †

Lemon, Vanessa
McFarland, Ashleigh
Miller, Lindsey
Russell, Molly ‡

Schmidt, Gretel
Sneed, Chelsea
Stump, Ethan ‡
Thompson, Raycee

Witt, Rondle

Magna Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Blackburn, Brandon
Bott, Mary
Cummins, Shelby †

Gibbs, Melissa
Gonzalez, Amber
Grab, Logan

Hammons, Elizabeth †
Karki, Sushant
Otero, Jason

Roelfsema, Toby
Starr-Kercheval, Chase †
Street, Caleb

Sullivan, Shelby

Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Aton, Candice
Bailey, Donald
Bandy, Nicole
Coltress, Kelsey

Cox, Chase
Denefrio, Jordan
Holland, Matthew
Monroe, Bradley

Morgan, Lea
Phillips, Addy J. *
Pulsipher, Matthew
Rearrick, Dianna

Thompson, Sarah
Young, Keshia

Associate Degrees

First Honors

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Harper, James

Miller, Lindsey

Second Honors

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Otero, Jason

Third Honors

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Bailey, Donald

School of Arts & Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Blackburn, Jessica Hope

English-Literary Studies,
English-Creative Writing
Colorado Springs, CO

Cruzan, Kyle John

International Studies
Joplin

Denefrio, Jordan Bethany

International Studies
Carthage

Dirks, Quinn P.

Music
Joplin

Freeborn, Ericka Nicole

Spanish
Joplin

Gregory, Lindsey Ann

Art-Visual
Joplin

Leiser, Dawn

Theatre
Reeds

Morgan, Lea Sydney

French
Joplin

Morton, Ashley Ann

Spanish
Duenweg

Page, Brittainy Marie

International Studies
Springfield

Peterson, Linda F.

Sociology
Canada

Pulsipher, Matthew Wells

Spanish
Joplin

Reaves, Samantha Lea

English-Prof/Tech Writing,
English-Literary Studies
Webb City

Tao, Zhengyuan

Music
China

Topel, Katie Jo

French, International Studies
Duenweg

Velez, Haley Renae

Chemistry
Joplin

Webber, Austin

International Studies
Joplin

Wilson, Edmund Gipson

History
Joplin

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Baumann, Devon Lauren

Art-Studio
Joplin

McDonald, Jacque Lynn

Art-Studio
Reeds

Bachelor of Science

Aton, Candice LeAnn

Biology
Webb City

Ayres, Stephanie Jo

Criminal Justice Administration,
Juvenile Justice
Carthage

Bailey, Brendan Patrick

Biology
Joplin

Bailey, Donald G., Jr.

Criminal Justice Administration
Pittsburg, KS

Benton, Jacob Tyler ‡

Biology
Wentzville

Bentz, Thomas Jeffrey

Criminal Justice Administration
Neosho

Bishop, Wesley Matthew

Criminal Justice Administration
Polo

Boswell, Jason Allen

Environmental Health and Safety
Grove, OK

Boyer, Johnny Lee

Political Science
Joplin

Brown, Eldon Willis

Communication-Mass
Joplin

Buckley, David Harold

Criminal Justice Administration
Neosho

Burnham, Nicholas John

Communication-Mass
St Louis

Bynum, Lauren Brittany

Biology
Joplin

Carlson, Christopher A.

Criminal Justice Administration
Big Cabin, OK

Chavez, Rebecca Susanne

Environmental Health
Elizabethtown, KY

Davidson, BriAnna Lynn

Biology
Carl Junction

Davis, Jessica Ann

Sociology
Carthage

Eggerman, Jacob

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Evans, Tonya Kay

Criminal Justice Administration
Sulphur Springs, TX

Fleming, Nyzera

Criminal Justice Administration
Montclair, NJ

Francis, Shavonne Michele

Sociology
Joplin

Garavaglia, Michael Leonard

Criminal Justice Administration
St Louis

Gibson, Lloyd Eugene

Criminal Justice Administration/
Computer Forensics
Nevada

Gordon, Mark Wayne Jr.

Criminal Justice Administration
Webb City

Hanes, Michael Jay

Political Science
Joplin

Harper, James Clinton

Criminal Justice Administration
Willow Springs

Haut, Emily Jordan

Biology
Carthage

Heidlage, Jessica Lea

Biology, Environmental Health
and Safety
Pierce City

Hufham, Chelsea Dawn

Criminal Justice Administration
Waxahachie, TX

Jones, John

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Karki, Sushant

Math/CIS-Computational Math
Nepal

Keller, Jarret D.

Biology
Owensville

Kirk, Jennifer Lynne

Criminal Justice Administration
Centerton, AR

Knox, Alicia Diane

Criminal Justice Administration
Goodman

Kyle, Nicholas John

Political Science
Baxter Springs, KS

Lancaster, Tara Jo

Criminal Justice Administration
Quapaw, OK

Lang, Terry W.

Criminal Justice Administration
Riverton, KS

Laster, Jacob Dylan

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Lowe, Michael David

Physics
Neosho

McDaniel, Kaleigh Jean

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Maier, Nicholas Andreas *

Criminal Justice Administration
Redwood, CA

Marriott, Morgan Lee

Criminal Justice Administration
Stover

Mendell, Derek S.

Biology
Carthage

Miller, Lindsey M.

Criminal Justice Administration
Shawnee, KS

Mitchell, John D.

Biology
Joplin

Monroe, Bradley Sean

Biology
Carl Junction

Moore, Evan

Juvenile Justice
Joplin

Moore, Ronald Dean

Criminal Justice Administration
Neosho

Mullins, Kristin Nichole

Chemistry
Joplin

Murphy, Shira Anne

Communication-Mass
Neosho

Norwood, Kylee Melissa

Biology
Carthage

O'Donnell, Abriel Ann

Biology
Joplin

Pope, Erica Suzette

Biology
Carl Junction

Seaton, Jacob Albert

Physics
Nunn, CO

Shannon-Dudolski, Kristen Marie

Juvenile Justice
Carthage

Simkin, Jenny Lynn

Sociology
Joplin

Simpson, Dominique Roshaud

Criminal Justice Administration
Mayflower, AR

Smith, Brittany Kay

Criminal Justice Administration
Republic

Smith, Mandolin Elizabeth

Biology
Carthage

Steele, Shance Colton

Environmental Health and Safety
Stockton

Stump, Ethan Matthew ‡

Communication-Mass
Oronogo

Swann, Ines Lea

Political Science
Neosho

Taylor, Anthony Joe

Criminal Justice Administration
Mount Vernon

Terry, Tyler M.

Chemistry
Joplin

Vance, Belinda Lacoule

Criminal Justice Administration
Cassville

Veach, McKenzie E.

Environmental Health and Safety
Lenexa, KS

Velez, Haley Renae

Environmental Health and Safety
Joplin

Wagner, Crystal Ann

Criminal Justice Administration,
Juvenile Justice
Duenweg

Wawrzyniak, Megan Marie

Sociology
Joplin

Wickham, Jason Patrick

Criminal Justice Administration
Neosho

Wicks, Marcus Dwayne

Criminal Justice Administration
Wichita Falls, TX

Wilson, Michelle D.

Juvenile Justice
Logan, UT

Winn, Mikel Adison

Communication-Public Relations
Joplin

Yang, Nhia

Sociology
Purdy

Associate of Science

Ayres, Stephanie Jo

Law Enforcement
Carthage

Bailey, Donald G., Jr.

Law Enforcement
Pittsburg, KS

Bentz, Thomas Jeffrey

Law Enforcement
Neosho

Bishop, Wesley Matthew

Law Enforcement
Polo

Buckley, David Harold

Law Enforcement
Neosho

Carlson, Christopher A.

Law Enforcement
Big Cabin, OK

Eggerman, Jacob

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Evans, Tonya Kay

Law Enforcement
Sulphur Springs, TX

Fleming, Nyzera

Law Enforcement
Montclair, NJ

Garavaglia, Michael Leonard

Law Enforcement
St Louis

Gibson, Lloyd Eugene

Law Enforcement
Nevada

Gordon, Mark Wayne Jr.

Law Enforcement
Webb City

Harper, James Clinton

Law Enforcement
Willow Springs

Hufham, Chelsea Dawn

Law Enforcement
Waxahachie, TX

Jones, John

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Knox, Alicia Diane

Law Enforcement
Goodman

Lancaster, Tara Jo

Law Enforcement
Quapaw, OK

Lang, Terry W.

Law Enforcement
Riverton, KS

Laster, Jacob Dylan

Law Enforcement
Joplin

McDaniel, Kaleigh Jean

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Maier, Nicholas Andreas *

Law Enforcement
Redwood, CA

Marriott, Morgan Lee

Law Enforcement
Stover

Miller, Lindsey M.

Law Enforcement
Shawnee, KS

Moore, Ronald Dean

Law Enforcement
Neosho

Shannon-Dudolski, Kristen Marie

Law Enforcement
Carthage

Simpson, Dominique Roshaud

Law Enforcement
Mayflower, AR

Smith, Brittany Kay

Law Enforcement
Republic

Taylor, Anthony Joe

Law Enforcement
Mount Vernon

Vance, Belinda Lacoule

Law Enforcement
Cassville

Wagner, Crystal Ann

Law Enforcement
Duenweg

Wickham, Jason Patrick

Law Enforcement
Neosho

Wicks, Marcus Dwayne

Law Enforcement
Wichita Falls, TX

Wilson, Michelle D.

Law Enforcement
Logan, UT

General Studies

Bachelor of General Studies

Allender, Toni E.

General Studies
Joplin

Baker, Theron A.

General Studies
Joplin

Bangs, Kayla Ann

General Studies
Pea Ridge, AR

Berry, Johnny D. *

General Studies
Picayune, MS

Bragg, Lindsey Nicole

General Studies
Joplin

Centeno, Christina Marie

General Studies
Tinley Park, IL

Curtright, Jackson Douglas

General Studies
McPherson, KS

Davis, Lori Lynn

General Studies
Wentworth

Ezell, Derek Christopher

General Studies
Lee's Summit

Farrell, Brooklyn Symone

General Studies
Webb City

Forsythe, Melissa Joyce

General Studies
Joplin

Gibbs, Melissa Marie

General Studies
Nevada

Haskins, Krista Lynn

General Studies
Joplin

Holland, Kara Lynne

General Studies
Poplar Bluff

Holland, Matthew Woodrow

General Studies
Joplin

James, Emily Anne

General Studies
Chesterfield, MI

King, Karsyn Ivy

General Studies
Joplin

Kwapiszkeski, Melissa

General Studies
Goodman

Lynch, Emily Nicole

General Studies
Webb City

Mayden, Chance Steven

General Studies
Lockwood

Mosley, Paula Kay

General Studies
Granby

Nixon, Kendra D.

General Studies
Joplin

Pearson, Courtney C.

General Studies
Joplin

Phillips, Beau Chandler

General Studies
Springfield

Piatt, David

General Studies
Neodesha, KS

Rayos, Kristen Leigh

General Studies
Edmond, OK

Samaraweera, Sathsaranee

General Studies
Sri Lanka

Schneider, Tara M.

General Studies
Joplin

Vaughn, Stephen Martin

General Studies
Guyton, GA

Yassa, Edward Youssef

General Studies
Springfield

Robert W. Plaster School of Business

Bachelor of Science

Anderson, Steven Linville
Industrial Engineering Technology
Joplin

Baker, Jeffrey David
CIS-Information Technology
Aurora

Carlsen, Aaron
Industrial Engineering Technology
Carl Junction

Creswell, Travis Thomas
Industrial Engineering Technology
Joplin

Ferguson, Morgan Scott
Industrial Engineering Technology
Joplin

Karki, Sushant
CIS/MATH-Computational Math
Nepal

Mengel, Matt Reed
Industrial Engineering Technology
Webb City

Otero, Jason Timothy
CIS-Information Systems
Carthage

Parker, Dennis Michael, Jr.
CIS-Information Technology
Altamont, KS

Robertson, Keith Austin
CIS-Information Technology
Joplin

Smith, Isaiah J.
Industrial Engineering Technology
Joplin

Thompson, Tami Lynn
CIS-Information Technology
Joplin

Watson, Frank Dewayne, Jr.
CIS-Information Technology
Neosho

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Ayton, Scott Kenneth
Management
Joplin

Baldassarre, Alexandra Marie
Human Resource Management,
Management, Marketing
Webb City

Beck, Jessica D.
Accounting
Neosho

Bingham, Christopher Allen
Management
Petal, MS

Blackwell, Michael Wayne
Accounting
Ash Grove

Blizzard, Brent Lee
Management
Joplin

Blizzard, Caitlin N.
Human Resource Management,
Management
Carthage

Bloch, Sara Nichole
Human Resource Management
St Louis

Bullard, Michael Robert
Marketing
Oswego, KS

Caby, Austin Tanner
International Business
Webb City

Calton, Zachary H.
Finance
Joplin

Cox, Chase T.
Marketing
Joplin

Farmer, Cameron Alan
Accounting
Pineville

Foulks, Erika Jill
Accounting
Webb City

Fry, Kaycia Renee
Accounting
Lamar

Gartman, Pamela Jolene
Accounting
Lamar

George, Perline Messadis
Certified Global Business
Professional, Management
British Virgin Islands

Giarratano, Anthony Robert
Marketing
Joplin

Gilbert, Tiffani Leann
Accounting
Joplin

Golden, Kristi K.
Management
Nevada

Gonzalez, Amber Lee
International Business
Neosho

Hanlon, Gage Patrick
Marketing
Joplin

Hargrove, Molly Elizabeth
Accounting
Sherwood, AR

Hilton, Marissa Anne
General Business
Aurora

Hollars, James Lee, Jr.
Management
Webb City

Hurd, Travis A.
Marketing
Branford, CT

Jeffries, Joel Bowen
Marketing
Nevada

Jensen, Jade Marie
Accounting, Management
Joplin

Kiger, Matthew Alan
International Business
Santa Maria, CA

King, Sheila
Accounting
Diamond

Kolkmeier, Dane A.
Management
Joplin

Landes, Nicki N.
Human Resource Management
Webb City

Laughlin, Tiffany Rose
Human Resource Management,
Management
Florissant

Lavore, Jennifer Maile
Accounting
Joplin

Leibbrand, Cynthia Renea
Management
Neosho

Lind, Chad Charles
Management
Neosho

Lindsey, Sharon Joanne
Management
Joplin

Mansfield, Steven Nicholas
Marketing
Bella Vista, AR

Marrs, Deborah Lynn
Human Resource Management
Neosho

Meadows, Kasey Rachelle
Accounting
Branson

Miller, Adam Leigh
Human Resource Management,
Management
Carl Junction

Montgomery, Jessica G.
Human Resource Management,
Management
Webb City

Moore, Ashley Diane
Accounting
Diamond

Myers, Christina Ann
General Business
Joplin

Parsons, Kelsey Dawn
Human Resource Management,
Management
Fort Scott, KS

Patton, Megan Marie
Human Resource Management,
Management, Marketing
Miami, OK

Pattysen, Lacy Anne
Accounting
Republic

Payne, Tyla Jolene
Accounting
Joplin

Pekarek, Sarah Beth
Accounting
Joplin

Plank, Brandon Allen
Management
Lamar

Pulsipher, Matthew Wells
Marketing
Joplin

Rickey, Shelley DeAnn
Human Resource Management
Webb City

Ross, Anna Ranae
Accounting, Management
Miami

Stravatti, Nelson Antonio Ribeiro
International Business
Brazil

Severs, Hannah Victoria
Human Resource Management,
Management
Granby

Simron, Jennings Bryan
Management
Joplin

Smith-Jones, Cassandra K.
Human Resource Management,
Management, Marketing
Savannah

Smith, Severiano E.
General Business
Webb City

Sosa, Irvin Avidan
International Business,
Management
Fayetteville, AR

Stehm, Clayton Seth
Management
Joplin

Stelts, Bret
Management
Carl Junction

Stephens, Maxwell H. L.
Human Resource Management,
Management
Stella

Strait, Melissa Renee
Marketing
Vernal, UT

Street, Caleb Wade
International Business,
Management
Goodman

Stump, Megan Nicole
Management
Jasper

Thompson, Grant Marshall
Marketing
Galena, KS

Thompson, Raycee Kay
Accounting
Joplin

Walker, Missy Ann
Accounting
Carl Junction

Westerhouse, William C.
Finance and Economics
Joplin

Westfield, Anthony Blaine, Jr.
Human Resource Management
Neosho

Williams, Amanda Beth
Management, Marketing
Farmington

Wilson, Seager Dalton
Accounting
Madison, AL

Witt, Rondle L.
Marketing
Appleton City

Wolfe, Austin D.
Human Resource Management,
Management, Marketing
Olathe, KS

Associate of Science

Baker, Jeffrey David
CIS-Information Systems
Aurora

Canfield, Samuel Quin
CIS-Information Systems
Cassville

Carlsen, Aaron
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Carl Junction

Irwin, Jory Dean
DDET-Drafting Design Eng Tech
Lamar

Law, Jacob Christian
DDET-Drafting Design Eng Tech
Joplin

Mengel, Matt Reed
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Webb City

Otero, Jason Timothy
CIS-Information Systems
Carthage

Parker, Dennis Michael, Jr.
CIS-Information Systems
Altamont, KS

Robertson, Keith Austin
CIS-Information Systems
Joplin

Thompson, Tami Lynn
CIS-Information Systems
Joplin

Watson, Frank Dewayne, Jr.
CIS-Information Systems
Neosho

School of Education

Bachelor of Arts

Burkett, Cheyla Brielle

Psychology
Joplin

Hatz, Caleb Joseph

Psychology
Elkland

Bachelor of Science

Blackburn, Brandon Lee

Psychology
Cherryvale, KS

Geraghty, Lauren

Health Promotion and Wellness
Overland Park, KS

Larson, Ashley Grace ‡ †

Psychology
Seneca

Starr-Kercheval, Chase Alexander †

Psychology
Joplin

Brossman, Meghan Nicole

Psychology
Joplin

Green, M. Justin

Psychology
Neosho

Prentice Raybourn, Amy Elizabeth

Psychology
Powell

White, Kelly Kendra

Psychology
Joplin

Carlson, Rebekah Irene *

Psychology
Carthage

Johnson, Megan Danelle

Health Promotion and Wellness
Carl Junction

Rearrick, Dianna Lea

Psychology
Webb City

Woods, Jason Robert

Psychology
Chanute, KS

Bachelor of Science in Education

Alsenz, Elizabeth

Elementary Education-Social Studies
Joplin

Bott, Mary Catherine

Elementary Education-
Special Education
Liberal

Collins, Mollie Kathryn

K-12 Education-Physical Education
Springdale, AR

DuRossette, Erica Jordan

Elementary Education-Social Studies
Joplin

Arens, Dakota Lee

Elementary Education-Social Studies
Bronaugh

Bresee, Sarah Beth

Middle School Education-
Social Studies
Seneca

Coltress, Kelsey Jo

Elementary Education-Social Studies
Lawton, KS

Easter, Chelsey Leigh

Elementary Education-
Early Childhood
Carl Junction

Bandy, Nicole A.

Elementary Education-Social Studies
Joplin

Brown, Chloe Brianna

K-12 Education-
Physical Education
Springdale, AR

Crum, Jessica Nicole

Elementary Education-Social Studies
Carthage

Fields, Stacy Renee

Elementary Education-Social Studies
Hollister

Barlett, Rachel Danae

K-12 Education-Vocal
Webb City

Carlin, Cody W.

Middle School Education-Science
Neosho

Cummins, Shelby Renee †

Secondary Education-English
Neosho

Fortner, Nathan Ryan

K-12 Education-Physical Education
Seneca

Bennett, Paden Robert

K-12 Education-
Physical Education
Joplin

Collard, Alicia Rae

Elementary Education-Social Studies
Ozark

Dolan, Christopher Allen

K-12 Education-Physical Education
Fort Smith, AR

Goldschmidt, David Edward

Middle School Education-Math
Monett

Grab, Logan Reanee
Secondary Education-English
Anderson

Graham, Katelyn Michelle
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Carthage

Graves, Felicia Denise
K-12 Education-Instrumental
Diamond

Hammons, Elizabeth A. †
K-12 Education-Spanish
Smithville

Harris, Casey Patrese
Middle School Education-Science
Purdy

Henderson, Trenten Xavier
Secondary Education-English
Joplin

Hensley, Rachel Ann
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Joplin

Holloway, Megan Katharina
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Joplin

Huff, Kristin Nicole
Elementary Education-
English/Language Arts
Webb City

Julian, Jessica Ann
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Lockwood

Kendrick, Cassy Marie
K-12 Education-Physical Education
Ponca City, OK

Kimbrough, Melanie Elaine
Elementary Education-
English/Language Arts
Miami, OK

Lampe, Brittany Erin
Secondary Education-Biology
Carthage

Lankford, Sara
Secondary Education-English
Bentonville, AR

Lemon, Vanessa Nicole
Elementary Education-
Early Childhood
Nevada

McFarland, Ashleigh Taylor
K-12 Education-Physical Education
Rio Vista, TX

Michel, Katy
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Neosho

Nichols, Elizabeth Marie
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Joplin

Owens, Zack D.
K-12 Education-Physical Education
Joplin

Phillips, Addy J. *
K-12 Education-Instrumental
Clever

Praytor, Lesia K.
Middle School Education-
Science/Math
Grove, OK

Roelfsema, Toby Abram
Secondary Education-English
Seneca

Russell, Molly Jolene Suzanne ‡
Elementary Education-
English/Language Arts
Jasper

Schmidt, Gretel Katrinia
Elementary Education-
Social Studies
Neosho

Smith, Taylor Jane
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Webb City

Sneed, Chelsea Anne
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Seligman

Stinnett, Aimee Michelle
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Webb City

Sullivan, Shelby Rae
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Webb City

Tackett, Steven Michael
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Carl Junction

Thompson, Sarah Kristen
Elementary Education-
Special Education
Joplin

Vore, Adam R.
Middle School-Science
Decatur, AR

Whitley, Dana Michelle
Elementary Education-Language Arts
Blanchard, OK

Williams, Curtis M.
K-12 Education-Physical Education
Independence

Young, Keshia Leann
Elementary Education-
English/Language Arts
Monett

School of Health Sciences

Bachelor of Science

Carpenter, Jay Cary

Health Science
Webb City

Cole, Casey Nicole

Health Science
Webb City

Dobbins, Lisa Marie

Health Science
Garfield, AR

Eagan, Kayla Dawn

Health Science
Seligman

Massey, Tara-Lyn Michelle

Health Science
Ash Grove

Montoya, Jessica

Health Science
Rogers, AR

Obeto, Jude

Health Science
Nigeria

Schulze, Kelsey Erin

Health Science
Moundville

Skahan, Kylee Jo

Health Science
Meriden, KS

Smith, Staci J.

Health Science
Carl Junction

Smith, Twyla J.

Health Science
Republic

Tucker, Chelsea Nicole

Health Science
Bentonville, AR

Graduates Who Have Studied Abroad

Baumann, Devon
Sweden

Brown, Chloe
Belize

Brown, Eldon
France

Burnham, Nicholas
France

Caby, Austin
Italy

Conner, Christy
British Virgin Islands

Cox, Chase
China

Cruzan, Kyle
Japan

Cummins, Shelby
England

Denefrio, Jordan
Argentina

Freeborn, Ericka
Ecuador

George, Perline
Italy

Gonzalez, Amber
Italy

Graves, Felicia
Italy

Gregory, Lindsey
Sweden

Hammons, Elizabeth
Spain/Turkey

Henderson, Trenten
France

Holland, Matthew
Germany

Karki, Sushant
Japan

Larson, Ashley
Belize

McDonald, Jacque
Sweden

Morgan, Lea
Canada

Morton, Ashley
Ecuador

Nichols, Elizabeth
Belize

O'Donnell, Abriel Ann
United Kingdom

Page, Brittainy
Japan

Phillips, Addy
Italy

Pulsipher, Matthew
Ecuador

Robertson, Keith
Ecuador

Sbravatti, Nelson
Italy

Sosa, Irvin
Italy

Starr-Kercheval, Chase
Belize

Street, Caleb
Italy

Sullivan, Shelby
Belize

Tao, Zhengyuan
China

Thompson, Raycee
Italy

Topel, Katie
France

Webber, Austin
Japan

Points of Pride

HR program celebrates SHRM alignment



A ribbon-cutting was held on Nov. 14 in the atrium of Cornell Auditorium to announce that the HR program at Missouri Southern State University has aligned with the Society for Human Resource Management's educational focus.

The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) recently announced that the university's Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Management with Human Resource Management Emphasis degree fully aligns with the organization's "HR Curriculum and Guidebook Templates."

The ribbon-cutting event also served as the kickoff for the Center for Entrepreneurship's observance of Global Entrepreneurship Week. Five days of activities were offered, from sessions on getting the most out of tax planning and using LinkedIn to writing a successful business plan.

Drumline keeps the beat at World Series



The drumline at Missouri Southern helped keep the beat for the Kansas City Royals as the team took on the San Francisco Giants during the World Series.

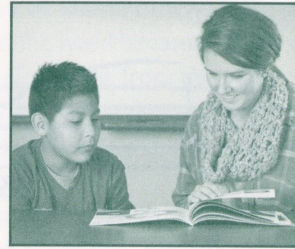
The 17 members of the Royal Thunder – which includes current students and alumni – entertained audiences at tailgate and pre-game activities, as well as during the first, second and sixth games of the series at Kauffman Stadium.

During the Royals' 2011 season, the group served as the team's official drumline throughout the regular season and during the All-Star Game. In September, they were invited to perform at Kauffman Stadium for the playoff game versus the Oakland A's – the team's first postseason game in nearly 30 years.

Brian Fronzaglia, interim head of the Music Department and director of athletic bands, said the invitation was "an incredible experience."

"The cool thing about this is we were the premiere drumline for the team in 2011, we were the first drumline to play at an All-Star Game and we were the first to play at the World Series," he said. "Our students had an opportunity that no other university or program in the world can claim."

Elementary students receive reading instruction



For the second year, students from two Joplin elementary schools are coming to Missouri Southern to receive extra help in developing reading skills.

Nearly 50 students from McKinley and Irving Elementary are brought to campus one afternoon each week to work with students in the teacher education program.

"It serves as a practicum for Education 343/470 courses," said Dr. Deborah Brown, professor of teacher education. "Our students get experience in administering assessments and delivering reading instruction to them in small groups."

Brown said that the sessions also allow for one-on-one work as well as group learning.

"By having the students come here, it accomplishes two things," she said. "It keeps our students here in the building and it gives the kids an early exposure to Missouri Southern."

Ribbon cuttings held during center dedication



During this fall's dedication ceremony for the Julio S. León Health Sciences Center, several others were recognized for their contributions to the continued success of the program.

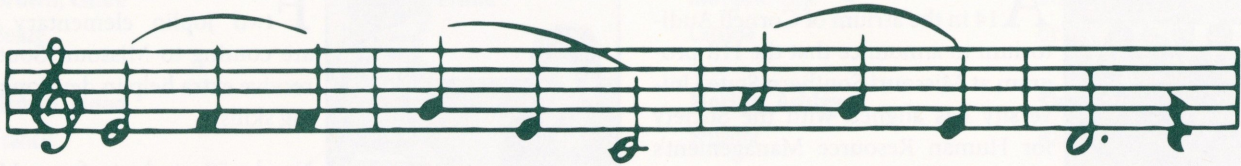
Ribbon cuttings were held for McCune-Brooks Healthcare Foundation Nursing Department, the Pat & Carolyn Phelps Interdisciplinary Simulation Center and the John & Joy Cragin Computer Lab. The Gail & Russell Smith II Endowment for Technical Services Writing was also announced. W. Robert Corley, for whom the Dental Hygiene Clinic is named, was also in attendance.

Also recognized for their contributions to the project were Leland and Donna Browne, Dr. Larry and Elizabeth Deffenbaugh, Dr. Delores and Jim Honey, Anthony and Maridan Kassab, Richard and Teresa Massa, Dr. Charles McGinty, Myron and Janet McKinney, Sara Newman, Mike, Lee and Emma Pound, Bill and Cindy Putnam, Cynthia Schwab, the Sharp Family and Dr. John and Barbara Windle.

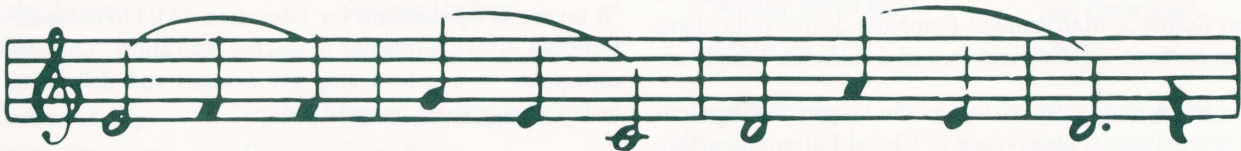
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Class of '39

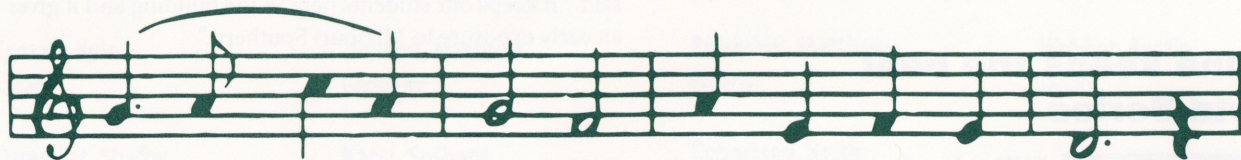
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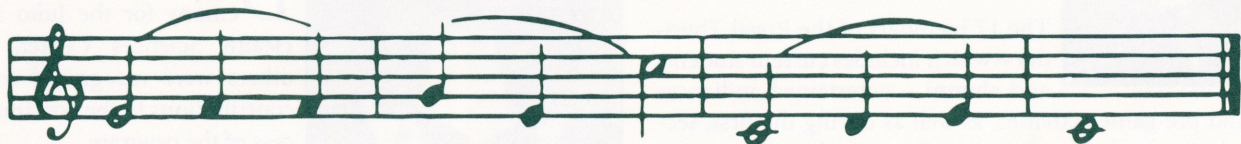
Our Al - ma Ma - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap - ing and guid - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.



Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.

Academic Attire and Regalia Cords

As early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of churchorders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The hoods represented in MSSU ceremonies are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions. Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:

Brown: Fine Arts • **Crimson:** Journalism • **Dark Blue:** Philosophy • **Golden Yellow:** Science

Lemon Yellow: Library Science • **Light Blue:** Education • **Pink:** Music

Purple: Law • **Sage Green:** Physical Education • **Scarlet:** Theology • **White:** Arts, Letters, Humanities

Yellow Brown: Commerce, Business, Accountancy

Regalia Cords

Alpha Chi: Gold • **Veteran's:** Red, White, and Blue • **Honors Program:** Green • **Athletics:** Green and Gold

Nursing Honor Society, Sigma Theta Tau: Lavender and White

Dental Hygiene Honor Society, Sigma Phi Alpha: Purple and Gold

Criminal Justice Honor Society, Alpha Phi Sigma: Blue and Gold

Respiratory Therapy Honor Society, Lambda Beta: Navy Blue and Green

National Leadership Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa: Braided blue, black and white

International Honor Society in Business, Delta Mu Delta: Braided gold and purple

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